

The Lordship of Jesus Christ (Philippians 2:5-11)

Proposition: Every person is obligated to bow to the Lordship of Jesus Christ because of the 4 elements of eternal supremacy found in the phrase: Jesus Christ is Lord!

- I. **The Person of Jesus** (...Jesus...)
- II. **The Position of Jesus** (...Christ...)
- III. **The Permanence of Jesus** (...Is...)
- IV. **The Preeminence of Jesus** (...Lord...)

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Jesus Christ is Lord. The word translated "Lord" in our text is a word that means "supreme in authority, controller or Master." We live in a region of the country where this supreme title is used rather flippantly. Home town bank signs will read, "Lordy, Lordy, so-and-so is 40." Or after a ball game, "My Lord what a game." One author writes, "the term Lord has become one of the most lifeless in the Christian vocabulary." Yet no matter how we use or misuse the word Lord, it has a very distinct and unchanging meaning in the word of God. Peter preached in Acts 2:36 and in Romans 10:9 Paul relates that our salvation is based upon our personal belief that Jesus is Lord.

1. The Person of Jesus - Take the first word Jesus. The word Jesus is an anglo-saxonized greek rendering of the hebrew name Yeshua. The name Jesus was not an exceptional or obscure name to call a child. Matter of fact is is very common. Yet this name was given to the child of a simple virgin peasant girl by divine directive. Matt 1:21

This babe with a common name was of uncommon origin. Gal 4:4 in the fullness of time... God sent... His son. God became manifest in human flesh! vs 6-7. The

beauty, ordered from ages past, became manifest in the flesh of a man, with all its hungers and thirsts, with all its pains and sorrows. Roll's - If it were possible to find in the universe one perfect specimen of manhood, we would at once see the living expression of the God head, for God made man in His own image and likeness. This is exactly what we meet w/ in the Man Jesus, who is Emmanuel "God w/ us". There has been and never will be another man like Jesus. No man spoke as he spoke, ⁴ no man did what he did.

II. The Position of Jesus - Note the next word - "Christ". Now the word Christ is not a sir name like my sir name is Brown or Bro. Bill's sir name is Harrison. No the Name Christ is a title a position you will. Remember Acts 2:36 Jesus is both Lord and Christ! Christos meaning anointed and is directly related to the hebrew word Messiah also meaning anointed. The Messiah refers to the one who would fulfill the promise of Gen 3:15. From that moment on man has groaned and longed for a Messiah an anointed deliverer and redeemer that would set at naught the plague of sin and shame. The Old Testament scriptures are bursting with anticipation for the coming of a messiah. In Gen 49 He is the Shilo that should come. In Deut 18 he is the prophet like

1) Acts 2:36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

2) ...Jesus is Lord: That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. Again Jesus Christ is Lord. Yet how is it that so many claim Him as Saviour and do not reflect Him as Lord? Jesus said it best in Luke 6:46 ...why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? In verse 10 says "every kneed should bow" and vs 11 "every tongue should confess." Yet Romans 14:11 For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. You should bow now, you shall bow then. One commentary said "All the universe is called to confess him as Lord, and thus glorify God. All will yet confess him, either in joy or shame." My message to you is that we bow to His Lordship now rather than then. Every person is obligated to bow to the Lordship of Jesus Christ because of the 4 elements of eternal supremacy found in the phrase: Jesus Christ is Lord!

3) Matthew 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

4) ...did what he did, no man knew what he knew. In the person of Jesus (S.D. Gordan) "God is spelling Himself out in a language that man can understand." His person calls us to bow to His Lordship!

5) Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

1) ...prophesied in pain and agony. Isaiah 53:4-6 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Psalms 22:15-18 My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death. For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet. I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me. They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture. Many

Hebrew scholars supposed that the messiah would come a twins.

One would rule on a throne, one would suffer and die. But no there was only one! Jesus the Christ of God. Who as vs 8 and 9 tell us

suffered and died on the cross and then was highly exalted above every name! Handel's Messiah. When first performed, the King of

England was so moved that He stood to attention at the Hallelujah chorus followed by all others present. But the proper response of

recognition to the Christ of God is not to stand but to bow! His position as Christ calls us to bow to His Lordship!

unto Moses. In Ps 110 He is David's Lord at the
right hand of Jehovah. In Is he is the God man born
of a virgin woman. In Jeremiah he is the Righteous
Branch. In Daniel he is the rock that breaks the nations.
In Zechariah he is the King riding on the foal of an ass.

And yet this celebrated Messiah is prophesied in fan

III. The Permanence of Jesus - Notice the next word, "is". It's a little word that started not to even be a point in this message. If you will notice the word "is" is italicized. What that means is that this word is not in the original greek manuscript. It's been added. Added by the translators to help in the reading of the text. Notice vs a "which is above" that one is in the text. But this is not. I hate

one is in the text. But this is not. I hate to burst any body's bubble but the Apostle Paul did not carry around a King James Bible. Heard recently that two men were in an argument over Bible translations. One fella ended the argument by saying as he walked away "If the King James Bible was good enough for the Apostle Paul its good enough for me." But when translating from one to the other it is

— helpful to fill in blanks for the sake of
communicator. Paul said Jesus Christ Lord.
We say Jesus Christ is Lord. But just because
it's added don't make it less true. This reflects
the permanence of His Lordship. Paul wrote the
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Christ is Lord, and we read it today as he still is Lord.

IV. The Preeminence of Jesus -

The Final word: "Lord" - ruler supreme, authoritatively! Lord! Master + Maker.. Lord! Ruler + Redeemer! Lord! Saviour + Sovereign. Lord! King + Kinsman Lord Almighty + Anointed. Lord! Benefactor and beloved. Lord! Christ and creator. He is mightiest in majesty, Strongest in sovereignty, chiefest in capability, greatest in generosity. To His goodness there is no orbit, to His excellence there is no end, to His sovereignty there is no shoreline. to His Lordship there is no limit to His dominion there is no demarcation to his compassion there is no circumference to his blessing there is no border, to His glory there is no grave. My Lord is the Key of Knowledge, the well spring of wisdom, the doorway to deliverance, the pathway to peace. He is the roadway of righteousness, the highway of holiness, the gateway to glory, the master of the mighty captain of the conquerors, leader of legislators, governor of governors, prince of princes King of

V. Close - Rolls - We have good cause to speak magnificently of our Lord, for His Lordship means more than mind can grasp or tongue can utter. We can never exaggerate His glory or exceed His worth in any terms

- 1) ...He is still Lord! And at the end of time He will still be Lord: **Revelation 5:11-14** *And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever. **Revelation 11:15** And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. The Lordship of Jesus Christ is chiseled in the granite of eternity. His is the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end! If he was Lord then when Paul wrote this letter to the Philippians and he is Lord in the future events of the book of Revelation. There is a Good chance that He is Lord right now! His permanence calls us to bow to His Lordship!*
- 2) ...princes, king of Kings and Lord of Lords, He's bread when I'm hungry, He's water when I'm thirsty, He's healing when I'm sick, He's strength when I'm weary, He's wisdom when I'm confused! He's guidance when I'm lost, He's forgiveness when I've sinned. He's the answer to my question. The fill in to my blank! He's my all and all! Yes! Yes! Jesus Christ is Lord! His preeminence calls us to bow to His Lordship!
- 3) ...any terms of expression we may use. Jesus Christ is Lord. You can't make Him Lord. But do you live in accordance with that Lordship? Our text says "should bow" "should confess" Romans 14:11 says "shall bow" "shall confess." Will you bow to His Lordship now?